

Remarks

I. Introduction

Claims 1 and 2 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious. Claims 3-7 have been objected to as dependent from rejected claims, but these claims have been indicated to contain allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form. Claims 8-34 have been allowed.

Reconsideration of this application in light of the following further remarks is hereby respectfully requested.

II. The Claim Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to include all the features of former claims 2 and 3. This makes claim 1 allowable as indicated in the Office action.

Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled.

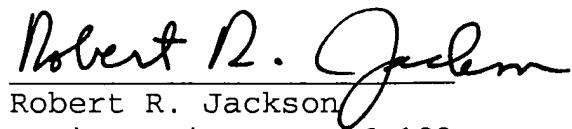
Claim 4 has been amended to depend from allowable claim 1, and claims 5-7 remain dependent from allowable claim 1. All of claims 4-7 are therefore also allowable as indicated in the Office action.

III. Conclusion

Claims 1 and 4-7 are now in the condition that the Office action said would be allowable. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled, and claims 8-34 have been allowed. This application is therefore in condition for allowance.

Reconsideration and allowance are accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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